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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **\$359 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING WILL UPGRADE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND PAVE WAY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH**

#### **Bay Area gets \$140 million from high-speed rail bond**

SACRAMENTO – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$359 million to 36 projects, an investment that will create jobs bolstering the state's economy, reduce traffic congestion, repair highways and bridges, and improve rail service.

"These projects allow millions of dollars to flow into construction and produce enormous economic benefits for California," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) received \$140 million from Proposition 1A, the high-speed rail bond, to purchase 46 new rail cars that will provide new service from the BART/Caltrain Millbrae Station directly to San Francisco International Airport.

The Millbrae facility is one of several key regional connectivity points California's High-Speed Rail Authority has identified that will link BART and high-speed rail, creating a "blended" rail system. To handle additional transferring of passengers at Millbrae from the blended system longer trains will be needed. The \$140 million will help pay to lengthen all three rail storage tracks at the south end of the station, enabling the facility to handle BART's maximum train length of 10 cars and make it possible to run longer trains from the East Bay to the airport.

Today's allocations also included \$44 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, nearly \$17 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$175 million in allocations today came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

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Highlights of the funding allocations include:

- \$503,000 for Highway 1 between Freedom Boulevard and Ocean Street in Santa Cruz County to install eight closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) to monitor traffic conditions and improve incidence response time.
- \$560,000 for the Highway 1 Salinas Road Interchange near Watsonville in Monterey County to construct new interchange and convert 2-lane highway to 2-lane expressway.
- \$755,000 for Highway 246 between Edison Street and Meadowvale Lane near Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County to widen the road and provide left-turn channelization.

For information about all projects that received allocations today please see the attached file.

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